

BEFORE THE  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

COMPETITIVE PRODUCT PRICES  
BILATERAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
AND ROYAL MAIL GROUP, LTD. (CP2015-1)  
NEGOTIATED SERVICE AGREEMENT

Docket No. CP2015-1

**UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE MOTION FOR TEMPORARY RELIEF  
CONCERNING A COMPETITIVE MULTI-SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH A FOREIGN  
POSTAL OPERATOR**  
(October 30, 2015)

Pursuant to 39 C.F.R. § 3001.21, the United States Postal Service (Postal Service) hereby seeks to have the agreement that is the subject of this docket continue in effect while Royal Mail Group, Ltd. and the Postal Service conclude negotiations concerning a successor agreement.

As background, the Postal Service is currently negotiating with the foreign postal operator to extend the bilateral agreement that is the subject of the docket for another full year, but there are difficult operations issues to resolve for exchanging returns between the two countries. The Postal Regulatory Commission previously granted a motion for temporary relief extending the agreement until November 15, 2015.<sup>1</sup> A second modification has been sent to Royal Mail Group, Ltd. to extend the current agreement until December 31, 2015, but it has not yet been signed. The Postal Service understands that the counterparty's contact is working to secure a signature from a responsible official but those efforts are still in progress.

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<sup>1</sup> PRC Order No. 2729, Order Granting Motion for Temporary Relief, Docket No. CP2015-1, September 24, 2015. See *also* Notice of Filing Modification to Outbound Competitive International Merchandise Return Service Agreement with Royal Mail Group, Ltd., Docket No. CP2015-1, October 23, 2015.

In the meantime, the Postal Service respectfully requests that the Commission approve a brief extension of the agreement that is the subject of this docket, to maintain continuity of pricing and other terms and conditions of the agreement. The Postal Service requests the Commission continue to list the agreement that is the subject of this docket on the Mail Classification Schedule through December 31, 2015, to give effect to the pending extension likely to be executed by the Postal Service and Royal Mail. The Postal Service plans to file the modification and any successor agreement with the Commission as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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